

**V. REMARKS**

The application is objected to because it contains claims 10 and 11 which are drawn to a non-elected invention. The claims are canceled and therefore the objection as applied thereto is now moot.

Claim 9 is objected to because of an informality. The claim is amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Further, a Claim for Priority and a certified copy of JP 2002-280015 are filed herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge that the claim for foreign priority has been perfected by filing the appropriate certified copy of the priority document in the next communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

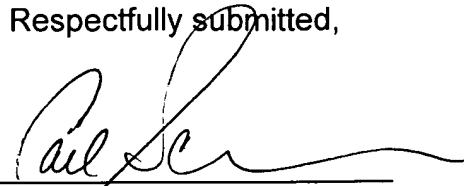
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure(s):      Amendment Transmittal  
                         Claim for Priority  
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